

## William Wootten to Andrew Jackson, November 3, 1814, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### MAJOR WILLIAM WOOTTON<sup>1</sup> TO JACKSON.

<sup>1</sup> Of the Georgia militia.

Fort Mitchell, November 3, 1814.

*Sir:* . . . . Inclosed you will find a proclamation of Vice admiral chochrane<sup>2</sup> it came to me accompanied by three letters addressd. to George Roan James Willis and David Walker all of Georgia. I opined the letters and found inclosed the sd. proclamation they Came by the hand, of a half Breed living in Cowitaw who had been in search of some negroes which left him, lately he found and took them but they were retakan and furnished with arms and amunition, he states they meditate an attack on fort Jackson shortly he was near the apalachicola saw two british officers who

<sup>2</sup> Proclamation of Vice-Admiral Alexander Cochrane, April 2, 1814. "By the Honorable Sir Alexander Cochrane, K. B. Vice Admiral of the Red, and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels, upon the North American Station, etc. etc. etc. A Proclamation.

"Whereas it has been represented to me, that many Persons now resident in the United States, have expressed a desire to withdraw therefrom, with a view of entering into His Majesty's Service, or of being received as Free Settlers into some of His Majesty's Colonies.

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"This is therefore to Give Notice, That all those who may be disposed to emigrate from the United States will, with their Families, be received on board of His Majesty's Ships or Vessels of War, or at the Military Posts that may be established, upon or near the Coast of the United States, when they will have their choice of either entering into His Majesty's Sea or Land Forces, or of being sent as Free Settlers, to the British Possessions in North America or the West Indies, where they will meet with all due encouragement.

"Given under my Hand at Bermuda, this 2nd day of April, 1814

Alexander Cochrane.

"By Command of the Vice Admiral: William Balhetchet. *God, save the King.*"

gave those papers to him to convey to the above mentiond persons, he says they wore Epauletts on their left shoulder, had under their Command with them thirteen men.